



Congressman Eliot Engel

Dear Neighbor,

This Senior Report contains information on some of my recent actions representing you in Congress.

As a member of the Subcommittee on Health in the House Committee on Energy and Commerce, I worked to pass legislation in 2009 that gave seniors \$250 as part of the stimulus legislation. I continue to work to change how Social Security COLA increases are calculated to benefit senior citizens.

Once again my Congressional voting record received a 100% rating from the Alliance for Retired Americans for my “pro-retiree” votes on critical issues facing seniors.

This includes working to make sure that health care reform protected and improved Medicare, and began closing the Part D donut hole immediately.

I have also obtained Federal funds for senior programs, health care and housing in the Bronx, Rockland and Westchester. I am working to protect and improve Social Security for you and future retirees.

If I can be of assistance to you or your community, please do not hesitate to contact any of my three District Offices listed on the back.

Sincerely,

Eliot L. Engel

Eliot L. Engel, Member of Congress

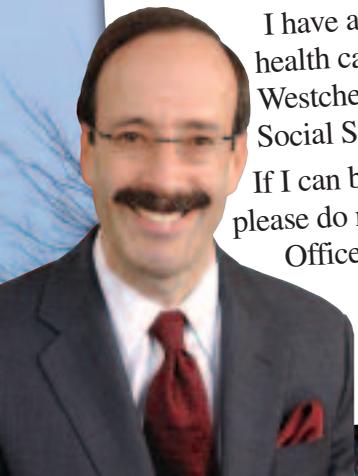
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VOTING RATING

*from the Alliance
of Retired Americans*

SENIOR REPORT

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Congressman Engel Worked to Make Sure Health Care Reform Protects Seniors

When the **Affordable Health Care for America Act** law was passed this year, Congressman Eliot Engel worked with other Congress Members to make sure it would improve Medicare and health care services for seniors.

They were successful. New senior Medicare and health care services in the health care reform law include:

- A **rebate of \$250** will be sent this year to seniors who hit the Medicare Part D “donut hole”

- Next year, the “donut hole” will continue to close with a **50% discount on brand-name prescription drugs**. The “donut hole” will be completely closed by 2014

- In 2011, Medicare beneficiaries will be able to get a **free annual wellness visit and personalized prevention plan service**

- On January 1, 2011, seniors will have their **co-payments ended for preventive care and preventive services will be exempted from Medicare deductibles**

- Increased funding to fight waste, fraud and overpayments to insurance companies that drain resources from Medicare. This will **extend the solvency of Medicare for years to come**

The AARP estimated that \$50 billion a year is wasted and not used for senior health care.

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Congressman Engel Authors Legislation for Mandated Annual Cost of Living Social Security Increases

Congressman Engel has introduced legislation to mandate a 3% minimum annual increase in Social Security payments to keep up with the real cost of living increases.

Engel is also working to force a change in the formula used to determine Social Security Cost

Earning a 100% Pro-Senior Congressional Voting Record

The Alliance for Retired Americans issued its new voting ratings in May. Congressman Eliot Engel again received a 100% rating.

The votes included eliminating the rule that if 45% of Medicare funds came from “general revenue” for two years in a row, a President would have to propose cuts in Medicare.

Engel also voted to continue the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program on which many seniors rely, and the law preventing a 21% decrease in Medicare payments to doctors that could result in doctors refusing to treat Medicare patients.

of Living Adjustment (COLA).

He wants to replace the current Cost of Living Index with the Experimental Consumer Price Index for Americans 62 Years of Age and Older (CPI-E) that is used by Bureau of Labor Statistics to calculate more accurately seniors’ living costs.

Voting to Add a \$250 Payment for Social Security

Earlier this year, Congressman Engel voted to give seniors a \$250 supplement to their income, as there will not be a Cost Of Living Adjustment to Social Security this year.

The House of Representatives passed the increase, but the US Senate did not. When the Senate did not act, Engel stated:

“For millions of seniors \$250 would make a real difference. The refusal to pass this legislation is mind-boggling and I wonder if some people have a grasp on the challenges facing America’s seniors in making ends meet.”